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Thread: [VB Using Media Player to play .mp4](#)

Wide Awake - July 27, 2015, 4:49 pm

So i have the windows media player component already in there. I want button 1 to play a .mp4 from a website, not a file path.

i have this:

```
AxWindowsMediaPlayer1.URL = "www.website.com/movie.mp4"
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But it doesn't seem to work.

Any suggestions?

Sleeping With Sirens - July 27, 2015, 4:51 pm

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Mind posting your entire method for accomplishing this? (the code for the method / void, whatever you want to call it).

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It's not much. Just a play button that will autoplay a link.

Lets say the link is this

<http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/videos/wise/20120608/wise20120608-1280.m4v>

edit: Hmm it seems to work well with the .m4v link above. But a .mp4 wont work. I wonder because if the component is old and outdated? Perhaps using VLC component would do the trick? If so.. would that person need to have vlc installed to actually play the video file?

Odus - July 27, 2015, 10:24 pm

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If you include the .dll with your application, it should be fine. Try it on a VM just to make sure.